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***R sponse to Amendment***

1. The amendment filed June 11, 2002 in Paper No. 18 is acknowledged and has been entered. Claims 17-32 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 13 have been amended.

2. The reply filed on June 11, 2002 in Paper No. 18 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2002 (Paper No. 17) because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicants failed to address the rejection of claims 5-8 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth in section 14 and the rejection of claims 9-16 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph in section 15 of the Office Action mailed March 11, 2002 (Paper No. 17). See 37 CFR 1.111.

3. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen L. Rawlings, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 305-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, alternate Fridays, 8:00AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony C. Caputa, Ph.D. can be reached on (703) 308-3995. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4242 for regular communications and (703) 308-4242 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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